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Date: April 30, 2000

To: USDA – FNS – Food Distribution Section

From: New Mexico Food Distribution Council

Re: Comments on the USDA Proposal For Change

The concerns coming from our Council are as follow:

There is a concern that fewer commodities will be available because of the changes in the process. This concern is especially from schools that do not process and get all of their commodities in raw product form. Of course, we hope there will be no reduction in the amount of commodities, either raw or processed as a result of these changes.

In regard to the National Processing Contract, our concern is that small processors may lose out. We hope that every precaution will be taken to ensure that all processors are able to work with the states and the schools.

As our State supplements the Commodities Program we are opposed to any initiative which will place additional cost on the schools. We recognize that our state's process is unique in the national scene but we hope not to have to lower our services or increase our costs to schools as a result of any "improvements". We do support an increase in SAE funding for states, which will assist states in lowering costs for delivery to schools.